Custodial deaths in the country

*528. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the total number of custodial deaths occured in various police stations in the country during the last two years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued guidelines to all State Governments/Union Territories to inform the Commission about incidents of custodial death within twenty-four hours of occurrence. As per information made available by the NHRC, the number of deaths in police custody reported to it by the State Governments during the last two years are as under:

Year	No. of deaths
2006-2007	118
2007-2008	188

State-wise breakup is enclosed as statement.

Statement

State-wise breakup of custodial deaths in police custody reported to NHRC from State Governments/UTs during the years 2006-2007 *and* 2007-2008.

State	2006-2007	2007-2008	Total
Andhra Pradesh	5	9	14
Arunachal Pradesh	1	0	1
Assam	8	12	20
Bihar	2	8	10
Chhattishgarh	3	3	6
Goa	0	0	0
Gujarat	7	16	23
Haryana	2	9	11
Himachal Pradesh	0	1	1
Jammu & Kashmir	0	3	3
Jharkhand	3	3	6
Karnataka	8	5	13
Kerala	3	6	9
Madhya Pradesh	10	10	20
Maharashtra	21	25	46
Manipur	0	0	0
Meghalaya	1	3	4
Mizoram	0	0	0

State	2006-2007	2007-2008	Total
Nagaland	0	0	0
Orissa	2	6	8
Punjab	1	7	8
Rajasthan	3	2	5
Sikkim	0	1	1
Tamil Nadu	15	6	21
Tripura	1	1	2
Uttar Pradesh	11	32	43
Uttaranchal	1	5	6
West Bengal	7	8	15
A & N Islands	0	0	0
Chandigarh	0	1	1
D & N Haveli	0	0	0
Daman & Diu	0	0	0
Delhi	3	6	9
Lakshadweep	0	0	0
Pondicherry	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES:	118	188	306

ILO Report on unemployment forecast

*529. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Organization (ILO) in its recent report has revealed that there will be unemployment of estimated 5 million in 2008;

(b) if so, the likely unemployment in India as per the said report;

(c) whether the unemployment rate in the country is increasing alarmingly and the steps taken by Government to provide jobs have not proved effective; and

(d) if so, the strategies to be adopted to face the challenges of unemployment in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The Report of Global Employment Trends, January, 2008 released by the International Labour Organisation has predicted that overall employment in the world is expected to increase by around 40 million in 2008 and unemployment could further increase by 5 million. This would lead to a slight increase of unemployment rate to 6.1 per cent.